

1 the total -- and I am speaking here of the lower house,  
2 now -- has been reduced overall throughout the country from  
3 5,913 members in 1963 to 5,630 members in 1967. That is a  
4 decrease of 283 members, but 75 percent of that decrease  
5 has occurred in two States: Connecticut, which has gone  
6 from 294 to 177; and Vermont, that has gone from 246  
7 to 150. And both of those States, and I think  
8 this is clear to an understanding of the issue that we are  
9 involved with today, both of those States met once every  
10 two years, as does the State of New Hampshire, which  
11 people try to raise as the bugaboo, that nobody wants a  
12 legislature of 400 members in size. There is only one  
13 such legislature.

14 During that same period, nine States have re-  
15 duced the size of their lower house and six have increased  
16 it.

17 Let's take a look at the Senate, what has hap-  
18 pened during this period. During this period, three states  
19 have reduced the size of their membership in their upper  
20 chamber or their senates. Fifteen have increased them.  
21 The other two States, New York, of course, in their